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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of
BROUN et al.

Group Art Unit: 1649

Appln. No.: 09/117,921

Examiner: E. McElwain

Filed: March 4, 1999

FOR: PRODUCTION OF HYDROXYLATED FATTY ACIDS
IN GENETICALLY MODIFIED PLANTS

April 20, 2000

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
    and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed documents .

I hereby certify that each enclosed documents listed on the herewith Form PTO-1449 was cited in the attached European Search Report dated March 21, 2000 issued in a counter part foreign application not more than three months ago. See that report for the degree of relevance (category) of each document and for the particular passages cited therefor.

This IDS is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, <u>prompt</u> notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

<u>Contingent Request under Rule 97(c):</u> Should a first action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before this IDS is filed, please accept this IDS under

Rule 97(c) and charge the requisite Rule 17(p) fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 20263/255164, and proceed to consider this IDS under Rule 97(c).

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider each of the documents supplied herewith. It is furthermore respectfully requested that the Examiner confirm the careful and independent consideration in the next official communication by return of an initialed and dated PTO-1449 form in accordance with the provisions of MPEP 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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